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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	<b>BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS</b>
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	<b>Monday, November 18, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.</b>
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware <b>Conference Room A</b> , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	01/06/2014

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rochelle Mason, Professional Member, **Vice President**, presiding  
Sandra Bisgood, Public Member, **Secretary**  
Fran Franklin, Professional Member  
Yen-Anh Gibson, Public Member  
John Mucha, Professional Member

**DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

James Collins, Director  
Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General  
Kay Warren, Deputy Director  
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Florienda Scott-Cobb, Professional Member, **President**  
Kyla Teed, Public Member

**ALSO PRESENT**

Leslie Boyd, DSCYF  
Gail Levinson  
John Shuford, NASW

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Mason called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the October 21, 2013, minutes for approval. Dr. Franklin moved, seconded by Ms. Mason, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Ratification of Applications to Sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam**

Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Candace Andrews. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Roxanne Heatwole. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Catherine Horne. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Zakiyyah Muhammad. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Arthur Nixon. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Janice Viamontie. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Ratification of Applications for Licensure by Reciprocity**

Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to ratify the application for licensure by reciprocity for Elizabeth Brown. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Status of Complaints**

The Board was advised that Case 31-06-13 has been closed, and Case 31-07-13 has been referred to the Attorney General's Office.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Review and Sign Order Regarding Michelle Ropeter (Case 31-09-12) (Board Accepted Consent Agreement on October 21, 2013)**

The board reviewed and signed the Order regarding Michelle Ropeter (Case 31-09-12).

### **Review and Sign Order Regarding Patricia Guarriello (Case 31-01-12) (Board Accepted Consent Agreement on October 21, 2013)**

The board reviewed and signed the Order regarding Patricia Guarriello (Case 31-01-12).

### **Review Certificate of Completion for "Child Abuse Identification and Reporting Guidelines for Delaware Medical Providers" Submitted on Behalf of Michelle Ropeter**

The board reviewed Michelle Ropeter's certificate of completion for the course titled "Child Abuse Identification and Reporting Guidelines for Delaware Medical Providers. Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to accept the certificate of completion. Motion unanimously carried.

### **OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)**

Ms. Williams addressed the Board with an inquiry from Deputy Attorney General, Patricia Davis-Olivia. Ms. Davis-Olivia requested the Board's opinion on whether a social worker licensed in Maryland would be considered to be engaging in "unlicensed practice" in Delaware if the individual, clearly was not practicing in

the State of Delaware, but corresponding with Delawareans on matters completely unrelated to Social Work Practice and signed her credentials with LCSW-C (Maryland). The Board decided that this would be acceptable as long as the individual is not practicing clinical social work in Delaware and is clearly identifying herself as a LCSW-C in Maryland.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Review of Applications to Sit for ASWB Clinical Exam (Full Board Review Needed)**

Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to approve the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Sidney Freeman. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to approve the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for David Bowman. Motion unanimously carried.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Discussion Regarding Proposed Statutory Revisions and Input from Stakeholders**

The board reviewed the comments received from Stakeholders. The board discussed Mr. Ron Hosterman's correspondence, and believes that Mr. Hosterman has the wrong impression on what the Board is trying to achieve.

Mr. Mucha submitted documents from the State of Alaska for the Board to review.

Dr. Franklin voiced her opinion that the Board is spending a lot of time trying to meet the needs of others and she believes that the definitions are acceptable and only minor changes are needed. She believes that the word "clinical" needs to be added to the definition of independent practice.

Ms. Kelly circulated language from South Carolina, Minnesota, Colorado, Vermont, Pennsylvania, and Minnesota for the board to review. The Board decided that unlike Minnesota's grandfathering provision, they will not allow individuals with degrees in psychology, sociology, human services or social and behavioral sciences to be licensed under the Social Work licensing Board. Applicants would be required to have a degree in Social Work.

The Board reviewed and considered the proposal submitted by Kerry Ferriter, from the Public Defender's Office. Ms. Ferriter suggested that the term "therapeutic relationship" be added to the definition of clinical social work.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Shuford addressed the board voicing his thoughts about the Board becoming sidetracked with additional items from stakeholders. He reminded the Board that Delaware is one of eight states that do not have multilevel licensure and the states that do have multilevel licensure do not define social work theory. Mr. Shuford supports adding the word "clinical" to the definition of independent practice. Lastly, Mr. Shuford

praised the Board and requested that they stay on target and not be sidetracked by state agencies and their delayed tactics.

Ms. Levinson addressed the Board regarding the history of becoming a practice act and the importance of independent practice staying within the purview of clinical social work.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

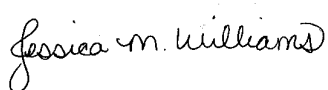
### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on January 6, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room B.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Franklin moved, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica M. Williams".

Jessica M. Williams, Administrative Specialist II  
Delaware Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners